

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Hazel Steckelberg, and we are richer because Hazel lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Hazel was born August 29, 1904, in Chamberlain, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Hazel married Lloyd Steckelberg in Watertown, South Dakota, moving to Rapid City where they owned and operated Liberty Motors; and,

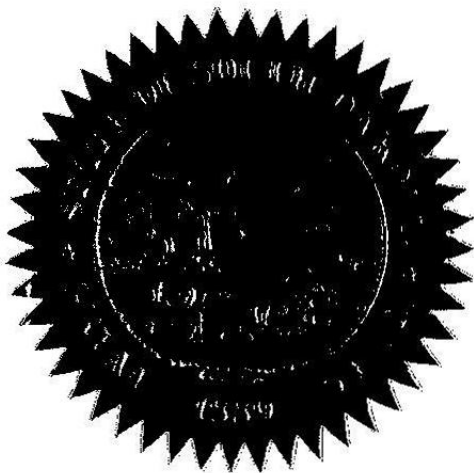
Whereas, Hazel reads the *Rapid City Journal* daily, enjoys playing the piano, and occasionally tinkles the ivories for other residents of the Beverly Healthcare Center in Rapid City where she now resides; and,

Whereas, Hazel will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 29, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and her relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:
Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State